

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 A parental control mechanism for a gaming system restricts the playing or  
3 display of various types of content. The parental control mechanism allows a user  
4 to restrict access to game content, audio content, video content, and online content  
5 through the use of one or more parental control settings. Different types of content  
6 can have different parental control settings restricting access to the content. A  
7 password associated with the parental control settings prevents unauthorized  
8 modification of the settings.  
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